

POPE PIUS X SUFFERS A SUDDEN RELAPSE AND END REPORTED NEAR; GERMAN ADVANCE THREATENS BRUSSELS AND ANTWERP; BATTLE ON

BATTLE LINES DRAW NEARER EVERYWHERE

Censor's Absolute Interdict Understood to Indicate Big Battle is On.

GERMANS PUSH AHEAD

Kaiser's Troops Seem to Be Successful at Every Point Except in Alsace.

Rotterdam, (via London) Aug. 19.—The Cologne Gazette asserts that the German advance, while slow, has not been seriously checked anywhere.

Because of the complete silence maintained as to the fortunes of war, a big fight is understood to be in progress somewhere along the line extending through Belgium and Luxembourg. Dispatches give evidence of the presence of masses of German troops pushing their way to the front behind an impenetrable screen of cavalry, whose dashes in search of information as to the whereabouts of allied troops have resulted in sharp clashes and heavy casualties.

The fate of the Liege forts is not definitely known. German dispatches described them as being in the hands of the German army since the arrival of heavy artillery, while Belgian authorities assert they are still intact.

A reported naval encounter in the North sea is without official confirmation.

French Gain in Alsace.

French reports indicate that the French turning movement through southern Alsace is progressing favorably. In this territory the French took two batteries of German guns and continued to march forward according to the Wolff bureau, the semi-official German news agency.

All these reports refer to preliminary meetings leading up to the great battle, which may already have begun.

On Russian Frontiers.

On the Russo-German and Russo-Austrian frontiers fights of small importance are recorded. The Montenegrin army is reported within a two hours' march of the fortified fortress of Buzova, Austria.

Two large Austrian steamers were captured today by the French.

An exhortation to the world by the pope calls for prayers for peace. "So that the merciful God, as it were, be wearied with the prayers of His children and speedily remove the evil causes of war, giving to them who rule to think the thoughts of peace."

PRESIDENT APPROVES PLAN TO PURCHASE SHIPS

Washington, D. C., Aug. 19.—President Wilson has approved the plan to have the government buy a number of ships to carry American foodstuffs abroad.

It has been tentatively agreed that an appropriation of \$25,000,000 be asked of congress for the purchase of the ships. The president conferred with senate and house leaders on the question of developing an American merchant marine and the purchase of ships and the passage of a bill under which the government can undertake the insurance of war risks were agreed upon.

CHARLES F. CLYNE NAMED SUCCESSOR TO WILKERSON

Washington, D. C., Aug. 19.—President Wilson has nominated Charles F. Clyne as district attorney at Chicago.

AUSTRIAN FORCE CROSSES RHINE

Rotterdam, (via London) Aug. 19.—Large contingents of Austrian troops, including mounted artillery, which the German army is without, have passed points along the Rhine on the way to the front.

THE WEATHER

Forecast Till 7 P. M. Tomorrow, for Rock Island, Davenport, Moline and Vicinity.

Partly cloudy tonight and Thursday; probably showers; cooler. Highest temperature yesterday, 96; lowest last night, 72; temperature at 7 a. m., 73.

Temperature at 3 o'clock p. m., 74. Wind velocity at 7 a. m., eight miles per hour.

Precipitation in last 24 hours, none. Relative humidity at 7 p. m. yesterday, 38%; at 7 a. m. today, 80%. River stage at 7 a. m., 2.7 feet. No change in the last 24 hours.

J. M. SHERIER, Local Forecaster.

ASTRONOMICAL EVENTS.

Evening stars: Jupiter, Venus, Mars. Morning stars: Saturn, Mercury. Due southeast in the early evening, constellation Capricornus lies close to the horizon, with Sagittarius west and Aquarius east.

KITCHENER ASKS FOR 100,000 MEN

British War Lord Calls for Volunteers to Enlist for 3 Year Service.

London, Aug. 19.—Great Britain needs 100,000 more volunteers. Signs to this effect already have been posted. Earl Kitchener, secretary of war, will enlist the men for three years or until the close of the war.

London displayed little excitement when it became known that British troops were in France. There were no crowds around the bulletins and no rush for newspapers. There was a stolid, repressed earnest crowd in the parks where the recruits are drilled and at the barracks, where the trained soldiers go through evolutions.

The attendance at the music halls and theatres shows no diminution, and many Americans spend their afternoons or evenings at the playhouses. "Britannia Rules the Wave," the "Marsellaise," and the Russian national anthem are played by the orchestras, the audiences standing.

As one Highlander regiment went through the Strand its band played "Marching Through Georgia."

Private homes have been converted into hospitals, and the newspaper departments under the head of "What Women Can Do" or some similar caption are the busiest.

The seaside resorts face a ruined season and the hotels dread the return of Americans, for they would not be able to accommodate them. Food prices are lower, with the exception of sugar, which comes from Austria and Germany.

The Nottingham lace factories are at a standstill, but the shipyards are unusually busy and the development board is spending \$15,000,000 on roads and other improvements.

M'REYNOLDS NAMED FOR SUPREME BENCH

Washington, D. C., Aug. 19.—President Wilson has nominated Attorney General McReynolds to be a member of the United States supreme court. Thomas Watt Gregory, of Texas, to be attorney general, and Frederick C. Howe of New York as immigration commissioner at New York.

Mr. Gregory is a special assistant attorney general in charge of the government's investigation of the New Haven railroad. He is 53 years old, a native of Mississippi and was admitted to the Texas bar in 1885.

As a special counsel for the state of Texas he prosecuted many anti-trust cases. He declined appointment as assistant attorney general of Texas in 1892 and later declined a federal district judgeship. His home is in Austin, Texas.

The president, it was learned last night, originally wanted to name Secretary Garrison of the war department as attorney general. Mr. Garrison was for a long time on the bench in New Jersey. The president decided, however, that he could not at this time part with the experience and ability of Mr. Garrison in the war department.

MORE LAND FOR CONVICTS

Commission Expected to Add 1,000 Acres to Joliet Farm.

Joliet, Ill., Aug. 19.—The state penitentiary commissioners are expected to grant the use of 1,000 more acres of land for the convict farm, according to Warden Allen. This would make the farm of 2,000 acres the largest convict farm in the world. Three hundred honor men will be used to operate the property.

Poles in France Volunteer.

Paris, Aug. 19.—The war office says Poles engaged in mines and factories are volunteering for the French army. They asked particularly to be permitted to fight against Germany.

POPE HAS HAD BAD RELAPSE; IS IN DANGER

Sudden Change for Worse After Yesterday's Rally, Reports Doctor.

WORRY MAY BE FATAL

Hears of Cannonading in Adriatic—Calls Christians to Pray for Peace.

Rome, (2:55 p. m.) Aug. 19.—For a moment this afternoon the doctors thought the pope was dying through suffocation but fortunately the patient succeeded in expectorating and now the crisis seems over. Nephritis complications, however, are seriously feared.

Rome, (1:10 p. m., via Paris) Aug. 19.—It is reported that the pope has received the last communion.

Rome, (via Paris) Aug. 19.—The pope has had a sudden relapse. A bulletin issued by Dr. Marchiafava leaves no doubt that the patient's life is in danger.

The sisters of the pope are convinced that a momentous crisis has arrived. They have lighted candles before the miraculous image of St. Joseph and remain prostrate in prayer.

Improved in Early Report.

Reports sent out this morning by the pope's physician said the temperature of the pope again rose to 99 last night causing some headache. The coughing, however, was easier and less frequent. The patient slept better, said the official organ of the Vatican.

The pope was much moved upon hearing from Venice echoes of the cannonade in the Adriatic. "The bones of the dogs must thrill in their sepulchres at the familiar sound of battle recalling heroic days of old," he said.

Calls for Peace Prayers.

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NEW HEALTH DEPARTMENT IS PLANNED FOR ILLINOIS

Springfield, Ill., Aug. 19.—Tentative plans for consolidation of several overlapping state bodies under the general title of the state health department will be considered here next Wednesday at a conference to which public officials and others interested have been invited. Consolidation and reorganization of other state departments also will be considered.

The plan proposed provides a state health department, with a salaried health commissioner and an unpaid state board, to be appointed by the governor and confirmed by the senate. The commissioner is to be the responsible executive and the board members an advisory body with power to approve regulations and decide appeals on certain questions, it is suggested.

This department is to include bureaus of vital statistics, foods, drugs, sanitary inspection, etc., with boards to examine and license physicians, pharmacists, dentists and nurses, and to revoke licenses subject to review by the state board. The barbers' examining board is to be abolished, it is planned, but the department is to be given sanitary control over barbers. The inspection of lodging houses in cities of more than 100,000 is to be made a municipal function, the present law being directed at Chicago alone.

At the present time all the proposed bureaus consist of examining boards, each with its own staff of officials, with no effective organization as a whole and with constant conflict of authority and a large unnecessary expense.

German Gunboat Disarmed.

London, Aug. 19.—A Central News dispatch says the German gunboat Vaterland has been forced to disarm at Nanking, China.

Head of the Roman Catholic Church Who is Reported to Be Near Death



POPE PIUS X.

ORDER PREVAILS IN MEXICO CITY

Carranza Announces His Cabinet, and Federal Soldiers Get Money to Go Home.

Mexico City, Aug. 19.—The new constitutional cabinet was announced last night. Ysidro Fabela will be minister of foreign affairs and Eduardo Say minister of war.

The mustering out of federal troops proceeded rapidly. Four thousand were released today, each enlisted man receiving \$10 and his fare home, and officers \$20 and their fare.

Absolute order prevails, but the rigorous military government is in no way slackened. Two thieves, disguised in uniforms of constitutionalists, were executed at the police station today and their bodies exposed to the view of a curious crowd.

BERLIN WIRES STILL OPEN

Germans Ask Bryan to Announce They Have Not Interfered With Communication.

Washington, D. C., Aug. 19.—At the request of the German government Secretary of State Bryan announced yesterday that communication between Washington and Berlin is still open and has not been tampered with in any manner by the Germans.

Germans Advance in Poland.

Berlin, via Amsterdam and London, Aug. 19.—German troops today occupied the town of Mlaw, Russian Poland, close to the German frontier on the Warsaw railroad.

SERBS' VICTORY NOW CONFIRMED

But Number of Austrian Casualties in Battle at Sabac Is Cut Down.

London, Aug. 19.—An official communication from Paris says the reports of a Serbian victory at Shabatz or Sabac over eighty thousand Austrians are confirmed. Shabatz is in Serbia, 40 miles west of Belgrade. According to advices from Rome the Austrian casualties were 3,000 killed and 5,000 wounded.

MOTHER PROUD THAT FOUR SONS ARE SLAIN

Paris, Aug. 19.—After calling at the offices where relatives are informed officially whether soldiers are dead, wounded or unreported, a woman with four sons in the French army was asked by a friend: "Have you good news? I am so glad my Jean is safe." "Yes, they are all safe," was the reply; "they are safe in the arms of the Father. I am proud to give them all to the cause."

GERMAN TROOPS KILL CHEERING ITALIANS

London, Aug. 19.—A Rome dispatch says refugees from Magdeburg, Germany, report German soldiers fired on 3,000 Italians confined in the barracks there, killing seven and wounding 16, because some shouted "Hurrah for Italy!"

U. S. PLEDGES EQUALITY ON WIRELESS AND CABLE

Washington, Aug. 19.—Formal assurance was given by Secretary Bryan to the German charge d'affaires that "equality of treatment" would be given to all the belligerents in the matter of wireless telegraphy and the cables.

Just how this is to be accomplished has not yet been determined. The secretary told the German representative that he realized that Great Britain, being in possession of the cables, could send messages to Canada from the United States and thence to London. Therefore a censorship of telegraph lines will have to be established.

So far as wireless stations are concerned, the advice of experts is being obtained. The German charge is satisfied that this government intends to be strictly neutral and that it will not give advantage to any belligerent in the matter of transmitting military intelligence.

Outspoken.

Mrs. Smith's four sons made the life of her old colored servant a burden. One day Uncle Andy was busy in the garden hoeing corn, and for half an hour Tom, the most mischievous of the quartet, had amused himself with throwing clods of dirt at him. At last Andy threw down his hoe and stamped indignantly down to the house.

"Miss Ella," he said to the little culprit's mother, "Ah Jes has to tell you dat boy Tawm am de meanest chile you got, an' Ah! tells you fo' you face and tells you behine you back!" New York Post.

REFUGEES SPEAK OF WAR THRILLS

Liner Finland Arrives at New York With 1,082 Americans From Danger Zones.

New York, Aug. 19.—The Red Star liner Finland has arrived from Antwerp and Dover with 1,082 passengers. The Finland experienced great difficulty in getting out of the harbor of Antwerp. The channel buoys were not lighted and mines were everywhere. A Norwegian steamer, accidentally sunk by a mine, a fact heretofore reported by cable, obstructed the main channel.

Several passengers on the Finland brought first-hand tales of the fight at Liege and grim narratives of the war sweeping Europe. Some of the Americans on the Finland had been held as spies, others had made their way on foot from the interior of Belgium to Antwerp amid the scenes and dangers of warfare, and nearly all had stories of hardships and encounters.

James A. Patton and wife of Chicago experienced great difficulties, reaching Antwerp from Carlsbad. They reached Nuremberg in an automobile. Here they were taken to a guard house and examined before they were allowed to continue. They then boarded a train and got no further than Boulogne, where they found themselves in the vortex of mobilizing troops.

"We arrived at Liege at 1 in the afternoon of Aug. 4," said Patton, "and got a train for Brussels two hours later. But we did not leave before we heard the thunder of cannon at the forts repulsing the first onslaught of the Germans. The town was cold with fear."

Another passenger said that on Aug. 5 he saw a squad of soldiers pursuing a man in uniform over the housetops at Brussels, firing at him as they ran. One of the shots went true, the man threw up his hands and pitched headlong from the top of a four-story building to the street. The soldiers thought he was a German spy.

Carnage at Dinant Terrible.

Paris, Aug. 19.—Details of the fighting at Dinant between the French and German troops show the carnage to have been terrible. The first French company, although decimated, held its position until another company came up with artillery, which destroyed the bridge. The French cavalry then advanced and pushed the German attack back into the Meuse.

BELGIAN LINE MEETS FOE IN BIG BATTLE

Emperor William Directs Attacks of Generals in First Great Struggle.

FORCED ON ANTWERP

Brussels Hears Cannonading as Battle Line Draws Nearer Former Capital.

London, Aug. 19.—A curt announcement, in a telegram from Brussels dated last night, of fierce fighting between Belgian and German troops along an extended front is generally accepted in London today as indicating the real beginning of the first great battle of the war.

The German attack today again is reported as being made on the direct orders of Emperor William to his generals in the field. Refugees fleeing before the German approach are coming to the Belgium capital in great numbers. They declare the Belgians broke the German advance at Tirlemont at the point of the bayonet.

London, Aug. 19.—A Renter telegram from Brussels sent at 7 o'clock last night says a fierce battle is in progress between the Belgians and Germans along an extended front. Large numbers of refugees are arriving from Tirlemont.

Belgians Retire on Antwerp.

Paris, Aug. 19.—An official announcement this morning says the retirement of Belgian troops toward Antwerp is rumored but not confirmed.

It is officially explained that even if the report is true, it is neither a grave symptom nor unexpected. Antwerp is considered a last defense. It has been fortified with care and is today a vast entrenched camp upon the flank of the enemy.

Brussels Hears Cannonade.

Paris, Aug. 19.—A dispatch to the Midi from Brussels, dated today, says cannonading could be distinctly heard in Brussels at 6 o'clock this morning. The dispatch adds it is understood that the German army is marching upon Brussels by way of Huy and Jodoigne.

Brussels Reports Advance.

London, Aug. 19.—A Renter's Brussels dispatch says the German advance posts between Gembloux and Jodoigne are being gradually pushed back before the advance of the Belgian and French forces. The Belgians and French are now in close junction and in contact with the advance lines of the German army.

EDITOR AND MAYOR FIGHT

Braidwood Journalist Swears Out Warrant for Town Executive.

Joliet, Ill., Aug. 19.—Frederick Cox, editor of the Braidwood Bulletin and city attorney, yesterday swore out a warrant for Joseph Hurst, the mayor of Braidwood, charging assault and battery. The attorney had plenty of evidence on his features when he came to Joliet yesterday to prove that something of a belligerent nature had happened. The two are said to have quarreled over money matters. During the argument, according to Mrs. Hurst, Cox ordered Hurst out of his office and threatened to shoot him.

BERLIN IN TEARS WHEN WAR CAME

New York, Aug. 19.—E. G. Treat, a banker of Wheatport, N. Y., who arrived yesterday from Europe, was in Berlin the day after the emperor addressed the populace from the palace and heard the imperial chancellor talk to thousands gathered in the streets. "The Germans," said Treat, "did not want war. As the chancellor talked, tears streamed from their faces. No one cheered his remarks."